

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1578 - SB 1567

January 15, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the state and each local government from consenting to receive any refugees for purposes of resettlement within the state. Establishes a process by which local governments may consent to accept refugees for resettlement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Executive Order 13888 of September 26, 2019, provides that refugees may be resettled only in U.S. jurisdictions where both the state and local governments have provided their written consent.
- On December 18, 2019, the Governor of Tennessee consented to initial refugee resettlement in Tennessee per the terms of Executive Order 13888. In addition, according to the Tennessee Office for Refugees, Davidson County, Shelby County, and Knox County consented to such resettlement within their boundaries.
- The proposed legislation prohibits the state from consenting to receive any refugees for resettlement, and:
 - Requires a local government to adopt, by a two-thirds majority, a resolution outlining the number of refugees to be received and the locations where accepted refugees would be resettled within the jurisdiction, if the local government wants to consent to receiving refugees;
 - Requires the local government to notify each member of its legislative delegation of the resolution's adoption;
 - Authorizes a member of the General Assembly to propose legislation authorizing the local government to consent to receive refugees for resettlement; and
 - Prohibits a local government from consenting to receive refugees unless legislation is passed by a two-thirds majority in each house.
- Any vote required of a local legislative body will be conducted at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- Any action authorized or required of the General Assembly will be conducted during a regular legislative session.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government will occur as a result of the passage of future legislation.

- Any fiscal impact to state or local government as a result of establishing the proposed process is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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